

# BALLETTO

## 2008 Estate Pinot Noir



### WINERY:

The Balletto Winery is located in the southwest area of the Russian River valley. There are several soils on which the grapes are grown, including Wright Loam Shallow, Clear Lake Clay, Blucher Fine Sandy Loam and Goldridge. The western edges of the ranch border the Laguna de Santa Rosa vital wetland habitat, a home to many species of birds and animals. Today, 100 acres of Chardonnay, 60 acres of Pinot Noir and 5 acres of Pinot Gris surround the winery site. The Balletto family felt that the additional area of land they owned along the Laguna was so beautiful it should be shared with others. They were able to come to an agreement with Sonoma County's Agriculture Preservation & Open Space District to preserve this land for all those living in the area and for visitors to this wonderful county! Future visions include a seasonal trail for all.

### DESCRIPTION:

This dark-garnet colored Pinot Noir showcases classic Pinot aromas with beautiful outlying spice components of cardamom, fresh pine forest, new leather, delicate vanilla and a touch of toasted oak spice - all of which sit upon the core aromas of black cherry, raspberry and cola. The fragrance alone is intoxicating. The wine is highly textured and structured around its cool-climate pie-cherry tartness - a hallmark of growing Pinot in the cold southern end of the Russian River valley. Subtle tannins and astringency fill out and complete the wine.

### HARVEST:

September 2 to October 1, 2008. Brix at Harvest: 23.9 to 25.8

### SOURCE:

This Pinot Noir was created from 14 different lots of Pinot noir. Each lot was fermented separately in 6-ton open-top tanks, and blended together in April 2009. The grapes for this vintage came from the vineyard on Occidental Road in Santa Rosa, Burnside Vineyards west of Sebastopol and BCD Vineyard on Guerneville Road. The clones included: Swan, 667, 777, 115, 113, 9, 32, 15, 37 and 23. Each clone contributed slightly different characteristics to the final blend.

### COOPERAGE:

Barrel aged for 10 months in French oak, (30% new)

### PRODUCTION:

3,165 cases

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